EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Against the sanctioned strength of 860 regular teaching posts in 30 Kendriya Vidyalayas of Orissa, 831 are in position. Occurence of vacancies due to retirement, promotions, transfers and creation of new posts etc. and their filling up is a continuous process.

Setting up of Recruitment Centres for Army in Rajasthan

786. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY:

SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish recruitment centres in Barmer or Jaisalmer and Churu districts of Rajasthan respectively for the recruitment of young deserving candidates in the Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Districts of Barmer and Jaisalmer are adequately covered for recruitment in Army by Branch Recruiting Office, Jodhpur. District Churu is similarly covered by Branch Recruiting Office, Jhunjhunu.

[Translation]

Maintenance of NH 28 and 31

787. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to hand over the work of strengthening and maintenance of National Highway Nos. 28 and 31 to private companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G.VENKATARAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telephone Connections

788. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the applicants have to wait for more than one year for the telephone connections even in those areas where telephone exchanges have adequate capacity to provide the telephone connections;

(b) if so, the number of such applicants alongwith the names of telephone exchanges and the action being taken by the Government to provide telephone connections immediately; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government against the officials responsible for this situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Complaints

789. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints received against Group-A officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Headquarters and Delhi region during 1996-97 and 1997-98, till date;

(b) whether action has been taken in each of these cases; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of Lok Sabha.

[Translation]

Cleaning of Gangotri

790. KUMARI UMABHARATI:

SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH:

SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Mountaineering and a mountaineering organisation of Italy has signed a treaty for the cleaning of Gangotri;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated amount likely to be incurred on the said work and the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Government is unaware of any Institution by the name of Indian Institute of Mountaineering and is also unaware of any treaty signed between this Institute and a mountaineering organisation of Italy.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Helmet for Pillion Riders

791. SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision